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-- FORCE RECONNAISSANCE PARTICIPATION

1. DEPLOYMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF U-2, SR-71,  
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RC-135 AND C-130 AIRCRAFT ARE PROPOSED FOR LATE AUGUST

THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER IN SUPPORT OF NATO EXERCISES. COLD FIRE (6-11 SEPTEMBER IN GERMANY) WILL REQUIRE STAGING FROM MILDENHALL RAF, C-130 STAGING FROM HAHN, AND OVER-FLIGHT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS. THE NATO MARITIME/AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE TEAMWORK (10-23 SEPTEMBER, OFF NORWAY) WILL REQUIRE MILDENHALL STAGING ONLY, WITH FLIGHTS BEING CONDUCTED OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS. FLIGHTS WILL BE TASKED TO PROVIDE PHOTO/SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE AND WILL BE SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO COLLECTION ACTIVITIES IN THE EXERCISE AREA. SUPER-SONIC FLIGHT BY THE SR-71 (ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT SUBSONIC) WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLY OVER THE FRG AND OUTSIDE OF POSITIVE CONTROLLED AIRSPACE. STAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR TEAMWORK WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN EXERCISE CONCEPT HAS BEEN MORE COMPLETELY DEVELOPED.

2. OVERFLIGHT/STAGING REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR COLD FIRE:

A) U-2 FLIGHTS OF EIGHT HOUR DURATION ARE PLANNED FOR 7,8,9 AND 10 SEP. ROUTE OF FLIGHT FROM MILDENHALL IS DIRECT TO 54-OON-005-00E, TO HOLGOLAND VORTAC (54-11N00755E) TO NORDHOLZ TACAN (5346N 00839E), TO WUNSTORF TACAN (52 28N 00927E) TO ORBIT IN THE AREA OF 52 28N 00925E. RETURN VIA REVERSE ROUTING.

B) RC-135 FLIGHTS OF SEVEN HOURS DURATION EACH ARE PROPOSED FOR THE MORNINGS OF 7,8,9 AND 10 SEP FROM MILDENHALL VIA AIRWAYS OVER THE NETHERLANDS TO AND FROM THE EXERCISE AREA.

C) C-130 FLIGHTS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE AFTERNOONS OF 6,7,8,9 SEP FROM HAHN AIR BASE TO AND FROM THE EXERCISE AREA VIA FRG AIRWAYS.

D) SR-71 FLIGHTS ARE PLANNED FOR 7 AND 9 SEPTEMBER, TO COVER THE EXERCISE AREA BETWEEN 0900-1100Z OR 1400-1600Z DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. ROUTE OF FLIGHT WILL BE FROM MILDENHALL VIA THE NORTH SEA AND NORTHERN FRG TO AND FROM THE EXERCISE AREA.

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3. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BY HOST GOVERNMENTS TO THESE PROPOSED SCHEDULES AND ROUTES. DETAILS REQUIRED FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCES AND BASE SUPPORT WOULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH NORMAL MILITARY CHANNELS. KISSINGER

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